

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A ready-made food package which consists of
a tray provided with a rim flange, said tray containing packaged food which contaminates
the rim flange during cooking, and
a lid closing the tray,
and in which both the tray and the lid of the package are made of a polymer-coated
packing board,

wherein the lid which closes the tray after baking extends over an upper surface of the
rim flange and is bent under the rim flange of the tray providing ~~an uncontaminated~~ a heat-seal to
a lower surface of the rim flange by means of the polymer coating disposed on the packing board
lid, and

wherein the packing board lid is additionally heat-sealed to the upper surface of the rim
flange of the packing board tray, providing a double sealing line provided by the polymer coating
on the packing board lid and the packing board tray.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The ready-made food package as defined in claim 1 [[or 2]],
wherein an inner surface of the lid is made of a heat-sealable polyester.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously Presented) The ready-made food package as defined in claim 3 wherein an inner surface of the tray is made of a heat-resistant polyester.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a ready-made food package having a tray provided with rim flanges and a lid, both made of a polymer coated board, which method comprises the steps of

placing a food in a raw state in the tray containing a rim and baking the food, wherein after baking, closing the tray with the lid by placing the lid over ~~[[the]]~~ a mouth of the tray and bending the lid around the edges of the rim flange and under the rim flange of the tray, and

heat-sealing the edges and the lower surface of the rim flange by means of the polymer coated board.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as defined in claim 6, wherein the lid is also heat-sealed to an upper surface of the rim flange of the tray forming a double sealing line therebetween.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as defined in claim 6 or 7, wherein the lid contains creased folding lines, along which the bending of the edges is carried out.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of using a tray containing a rim flange and made of polymer-coated board as a baking tray in the manufacture of ready-made food packages, comprising closing the tray, after baking, with a lid made of a polymer-coated board, wherein

edges of the lid are bent under the rim flange of the tray and heat-sealed to a lower surface of the rim flange by means of the polymer coating.